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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HITCH TO SERVE ON ADVISORY GROUP FOR ILLINOIS BOARD OF EDUCATION

CHARLESTON -- Elizabeth J. Hitch, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies at Eastern Illinois University, has been named a member of the Initial Teacher Preparation Advisory Group of the Illinois State Board of Education.

The group is one of six identified by the ISBE to provide recommendations for implementation of a new Illinois framework that will restructure the recruitment, preparation, licensure and continuing professional development of teachers.

More than 600 nominations and applications were received by the ISBE for filling advisory group positions.

Before joining Eastern's faculty in August 1995, Hitch was an associate professor and director of teacher education at Central Michigan University since 1982.

Hitch received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in family ecology from Michigan State University. She earned her doctoral degree in educational psychology from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, where she went on to become manager of instructional design, Biomedical Communications, for the university.